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FLORIDA AND HER FUTURE

For more than three weeks I loitered in what is to be known to the world as the winter farm and garden of the Union, hitherto despised Florida. I speak with deliberation when I say that that state which, though admitted to the Union by an act of congress on the same day on which Iowa was admitted, which embraces 10,000 more square miles of territory than Iowa, and whose population numbered 10,000 in excess of Iowa in 1845, had come in 1870 to have 1,200,000, and I say without fear that time will confirm my assertion that foremost among the non-bearing mineral states of the Union, will be its farm and garden, beautiful Florida, the tip-end of the south.

There will be a flora such as no part of the Union can produce; such as neither Mexico, nor Japan, nor China, nor Africa, nor Southern Europe can produce; but where you will find the choicest products of all these lands, whether in the mere flora or the beautiful blossom of the forthcoming crops of fruit or vegetable. There is a land that combines the soil and climate of all lands, and whose productions for beauty and utility will measure, I almost may say, the possibilities of the productions of all lands. It is a land for sugar par excellence beyond Cuba; its tobacco fields will rival at once those of Cuba and of the Connecticut and Lebanon and other northern valleys; it is the land of rice. What about cotton, said I to a gentleman, whose farm I was traversing. "O, don't talk to us about cotton; a Florida farmer has no time to fool with it at 8 cents per pound when he can raise vegetables and fruits for the north at such prices as we get." The whole of the gulf portion of the south is literally, or will be when properly managed, the land of wine and milk and honey, and all beautiful and graceful things together with the great staples to which I have alluded, and others.—The late Hon. W. D. Kelley.

PREPARING FOR NEXT SEASON'S WINTER TOURIST CROP

A three-story, fifty-room addition will be made to the Despland this summer, the contract for which has been let to S. H. Gove. The extension will be made at the east end of the building, which, when completed, will give the hotel something over ninety-room accommodation. This hostelry, under the capable management of L. M. Waite, has a fine reputation, and the new addition is made to meet the constantly growing demands for greater accommodations.—Daytona Gazette-News.

IT REACHED THE SPOT

Mr. E. Humphrey, who owns a large general store at Omega, O., and is the president of the Adams County Telephone Co., as well as of the Home Telephone Co. of Pike county, O., says of Dr. King's New Discovery: "It saved my life once. At least I think it did. It seemed to reach the spot—the very spot of my cough—when everything else failed." Dr. King's New Discovery not only reaches the cough spot; it heals the sore spots and chest, weak spots in throat, lungs and chest. Sold under guarantee at Tydings & Co's. drug store. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

SOUTHERN PEOPLE LIVE CORRECTLY

Tampa, as the Queen City of the Gulf and of the south generally, were the two topics of conversation among a large party of traveling men and visitors to the city last night at the DeSoto. As usual, after partaking of the fine supper set by the popular hostelry, the guests repaired to the spacious porch of the hotel, there to enjoy the beauties of the summer nights in this section.

"There has been a wonderful civic revolution throughout the south the past decade," said Arthur T. Abernethy, Ph. D., the well known author. Dr. Abernethy, who is the author of "Did Washington Aspire to be King?" "King Leopold in the Congo," and a number of other works, is spending a few days in Tampa, which, he says, is his favorite retreat in Florida. Dr. Abernethy is one of the recognized authorities on Central Africa, and a personal friend of King Leopold. He declined the consular post to Sierra Leone, Africa, in 1898, under President McKinley. He was formerly connected editorially with the Philadelphia Record.

"I have been astonished," he continued, "at the general and steady but uniform uplifting of the whole south. Ideals are higher, the demands upon our citizenship more searching and requires a more exact private, as well as public, life, altogether."

"This is a magnificent indication of the moral tone of the land. Why, a gentleman who formerly edited one of Chicago's foremost newspapers, recently said to me: 'The people of the south are the most correct living people of the world.'"

"Nowhere is this moral self-respect more noticeable than in the state of Florida. I made a tour of Florida about fifteen or eighteen years ago. I must say, in candor, that some of the forms of social dissipation I witnessed then and which passed under the masquerade of innocent and harmless amusements would no more be tolerated nor countenanced in Florida society today than would the most gross breaches of decorum. When I traveled Florida in my earlier days it was quite the smart thing in tourists and traveling men to gather in clusters around hotel lobbies, and openly engage in gambling, or what is infinitely more reprehensible, retail risk and degenerating stories. Then along come the government folks and tell us that the gulf stream is changing, and that Florida and her neighboring seaboard states will be far cooler in summer and warmer in winter. And what is most pleasing—the place of the Kismet-cursed fatalist, who crept along the shore lines and declared Florida could never be developed, has been filled by dauntless, enterprising business hustlers who have brought the grand old state into her own again. If there was a time when south Florida could not have lived 'except for the bronchial wheezers from the frozen north,' who made their homes temporarily among you, it is so no longer. The section can now boast of enterprises that are commensurate with those of other great commonwealths, and with you: increasing business progress and the seal of disapproval so firmly set against sensationalism and chicanery in business, you are far, very far, better off industrially and financially than many of you believe down here. I would rather invest money in Tampa banks and financial institutions than anywhere else I know. After a trip lecturing through all the southern states and all the principal cities, I candidly believe that the city of Tampa has developed more substantially and perceptibly than any city, in proportion to population in the entire country."—Tampa News.

"HABIT"

The governor fears that Duncan U. Fletcher has acquired a "habit" of representing corporations, which he could not break away from in the senate of the United States. It is true that "use doth breed a habit in a man"—but how about the "habits" of the governor?

The "habit" of ignoring the wishes of his party.

The "habit" of violating his pledges to the people.

The "habit" of setting aside the edicts of the courts, as it suits his pleasure and convenience.

The "habit" of forming disreputable political alliances.

The "habit" of wilfully attempting to deceive the people as in the Lake City-Gainesville matter.

Many and varied are the "habits" of Broward—and dangerous, too, when accompanied by the power and prestige of public office.

If Fletcher through "habit" would be a corporation man in the United States senate, what sort of a man through "habit" would Napoleon B. Broward be?—Tampa News.

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A PATHETIC STORY

An incident of a peculiarly touching character occurred recently in one of the elevated railroad trains, that brought tears to the eyes of the passengers. The train had just left One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street when the passengers saw entering the car a little boy about six years old, half carried by an older boy, evidently his brother. Both were well dressed, but at first glance it was seen that the little fellow was blind. He had a pale, wan face, but was smiling. A quick look of sympathy passed over the faces of the passengers, and an old gray-haired gentleman got up and gave his seat to the two. The "big brother," who was about eleven years old, tenderly lifted up the little blind boy and placed him on his knee.

"How's that?" he asked.

"Nice," said the little chap. "Where is my 'monica'?" This puzzled some of the passengers, and several turned to see what the child meant. But the "big brother" knew, and immediately drew out a small mouth harmonica and placed it in the little fellow's hands. The little fellow took the instrument into his thin hands, ran it across his lips, and began to play, softly, "Nearer, My God to Thee." Tears came to the eyes of the old gentleman who had given up his seat, and as the little fellow played on, running into the "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me" there were many moist eyes in the car.

The train rushed along, the passengers listened, and the little fellow played on tirelessly, never missing a note of "Annie Laurie" or "Home, Sweet Home." Finally the "big brother" leaned down and told the little one to get ready to leave, as the train was nearing their station. Then, as if he knew he had won a whole carload of friends, the blind boy quickly changed "The Suwannee River" into "Auld Lang Syne," and with one accord the passengers burst into a round of applause, while the "big brother" carried the little one out of the car.—New York Times.

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SUMMER SCHOOL CATALOGUE NOW READY

Charlottesville, Va., May 4, 1908. The catalogue of the University of Virginia Summer School for the session of 1908 has just come from the press. It shows exceptional improvement in the number and strength of courses offered, and in the distinguished faculty which will teach in it. Among the members of the faculty of the University of Virginia who will be in the summer school are Dr. Chas. W. Kent, J. M. Page, Dr. Thos. Walker Page, Prof. W. H. Echols, Prof. Thos. Fitzhugh, Prof. A. H. Tuttle, Prof. H. Clo, Prof. W. A. Kepner, Dr. R. M. Bird, Dr. Albert Lefevre, Dr. W. A. Lambeth and Dr. Bruce R. Payne.

From other institutions the summer school has procured the services of the distinguished educators—Dr. S. C. Mitchell of Richmond College, Dr. Alphonso Smith of the University of North Carolina, Dr. J. B. Henneman, dean of the University of the South, Dr. Edwin Mims from Trinity College, Dr. K. C. Davis, dean of the State School of Agriculture of New York, Dr. F. A. Milledge of the Virginia Female Normal, Dr. Carl Ruediger of George Washington University and Dr. Wm. Dey of the University of Missouri.

From the circles of officials in public school life have been drawn such well known experts as Supt. E. C. Glass of Lynchburg, Prof. D. Augsburg of Oakland, Cal., Supt. John Blair of Wilmington, N. C., and State School Examiners Jenkins and Maples.

The list would not be complete without giving the names of certain ladies who have contributed distinguished services to the cause of education—Mrs. M. S. Moffett, supervising principal of the Manassas schools, Miss H. W. Haliburton, who has written several school texts, and a teacher of wide reputation in the south, Miss Edith Carlton, specialist in domestic science, and Miss Lula Andrews, head of the department of English of the Virginia State Normal School.

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W. M. BROWN AGAIN INDICTED

The United States grand jury, at Miami finished its business for the April term of the United States court at said place last week, by finding an indictment, containing one hundred and forty-four counts, against William M. Brown, president of the Fort Dallas National Bank of Miami, and a director of said national banking association. The indictment, which is a very lengthy and complicated instrument, is gotten up in book-form, and contains one hundred and fifty-two closely written type-written pages. As a legal document it reflects great credit on John M. Cheney, the United States district attorney, and his assistant, Richard M. Marks, by whom it was drawn. Mr. Brown has able lawyers and the case will be fought to a finish.

The Brown case will be doubly interesting from the fact that Brown has already been tried once on a charge of violating the national bank laws in connection with the Fort Dallas National Bank, and this will be the second trial. He was acquitted at the first trial in Miami last January. It is not known whether he will be tried on the new indictments at Miami or at Jacksonville.

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PROSPECTS GOOD FOR FRUIT CROPS

From all portions of the East Coast there comes the most cheering assurance of heavy crops of all kinds of fruit this season. The orange and grapefruit trees gave a magnificent bloom and are holding their fruit well. The long drouth is broken and copious rains have fallen and the trees are putting on a heavy growth of new wood. Throughout the pineapple belt in St. Lucie and Dade counties the pineapple fields are in splendid condition and have bloomed heavily. The recent rains will be great advantage making the apples a better size than they would have been had the drouth continued. The young fields are making a rapid growth, which almost insures a good crop from this class of fields next season.

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